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SUBJECT: AMERICAN TOURISTS IN CAIRO

REF: ATHENS 7130

1. AS YOU KNOW EMBASSY ATHENS REPORTS THAT IN SPITE OF THEIR BEST EFFORTS WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY, ADONIS WILL NOT SAIL WITHOUT WAR RISK INSURANCE AND THUS FAR SHIPPING FIRM HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND UNDERWRITER FOR THIS RISK. THEY SAY THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND UNDERWRITER WILL CONTINUE, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE CANNOT COUNT ON BEING ABLE TO USE THIS SHIP.

2. WHILE OUR EFFORTS WITH SHIP WILL CONTINUE, WE THINK YOU SHOULD URGENTLY EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING SUFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION TO GET AMERICAN TOURISTS OUT
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OVERLAND TO BENGHAZI. LEAVING MATTERS TO GOE-SPONSORED

OVERLAND EVACUATION SEEMS TO US TOO SLOW, UNLESS GOE CAN BE PERSUADED TO TAKE HIGHER PROPORTION OF AMERICANS IN EACH CONVOY. WE WOULD THINK UNILATERAL US EFFORT IS IN ORDER AT THIS POINT, ASSUMING GOE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH MOVE AND SUITABLE TRANSPORTATION CAN BE HIRED.

3. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING AMERICANS BY RAIL OR CHARTER BUS TO ASWAN OR LUXOR WITH CHARTER AIR PICK-UP THERE. WE COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE

FOR AMERICAN CARRIER OR ALTERNATIVELY FOR FOREIGN FLAG SUCH AS ETHIOPIAN AIRLINE. IF YOU THINK THIS ALTERNATIVE IS FEASIBLE YOU SHOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND MAKE NECESSARY APPROACH TO GOE.

4. LET US KNOW AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE YOUR REACTION TO THESE ALTERNATIVES. KISSINGER

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